

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEAUDEGNIES, ET AL.

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FOR: NOVEL HERBICIDES

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of October 2, 2008, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 2, 2009. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), such that a response to the Office Action is timely if filed by Monday, February 02, 2009.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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